THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Constitution (86th amendment) Act, 2002, enacted in December, 2002 seeks to make free and compulsory education a Fundamental Right for all children in the age-group 6-14 years by inserting a new Article 21-A in Part III (Fundamental Right) of the Constitution. The new Article 21 A. Right to Education reads as follows:

> The State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years in such manner as the State may, by law, determine."

The amendment does not refer to the year 2008.

Based on the report of a committee set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to suggest a draft of the legislation envisaged under Article 21 A, a complete version of the draft has been prepared and sent to all State Governments and UTs, and placed on the website for comments from the public at large.

Text Book Regulatory Council

476. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI R.K.ANAND:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Text Book Regulatory Council to review and regulate education in religion based private institution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the view point of the various State Governments have been taken/elicited in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that history in Saraswati Vidyalayas is presented in a distorted form; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) A Committee set up by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on "Regulatory Mechanism for Textbooks and Parallel textbooks taught in schools outside the Government System" selected for review a sample of textbooks in the Social Sciences, Hindi and regional languages taught in schools of several States. The Committee's Report gives some examples of bias and historical errors.

Error in NCERT books

477. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the NCERT books 'Science and Technology' for class VII is littered with basic errors including the fact that insulin promotes blood sugar in the body and other errors are also there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to correct the errors and take action against the persons responsible for the lapse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The book under reference "Science and Technology-Part II" for class VII was brought out in the year 2003. This textbook is based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) 2000. The following errors relating to information on insulin have been brought to NCERT's notice, and necessary corrections have been carried out in the reprint versions of the books:—

Sl.No.	Reference	Incorrect text	Corrected text
1.	Page 135, Table 8.1 - Pancreas insulin lowers blood sugar	Pancreas-Insulin-*Promotes* blood sugar	Pancreas-Insulin-*Lowers* blood sugar